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(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have sanctioned the establishment of a hand-made paper unit at Gandhigram, Madurai district, and it started functioning from 1st May 1956. Proposals for starting similar units at Mudabidri in outh Kanara district and in the Lower Bhavani Project area are under consideration of the Government. The Government have also sanctioned a grant of Rs. 5,000 to the hand-made paper unit at Vennar Bank, Tanjore, and have issued instructions for the purchase of paper produced by this unit for the use of the Government.

Steps for the removal of water scarcity in the City

* 227 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to remove water scarcity in the City of Madras during the months of April and May 1956?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: There was no marked scarcity in April and May 1956. Supplies compared well with the previous two months and the corresponding periods in previous years.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Since once in a way this kind of water scarcity occurs, will the Hon. Minister see that Madras is not left thirsty before he leaves?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The question of taking a quantity of five hundred million cubic feet of water from the Araniar Reservoir to the Red Hills Lake for augmenting the water-supply to the City is under consideration.

SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY: What happened to the scheme for utilizing the Krishna-Pennar waters for augmenting the City water-supply?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: This question should be addressed to my Hon. Colleague.

Construction of an air base in Ramanathapuram district

* 228 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have made any representation to the Centre for the construction of an air base in the name of Katta Bomman in the Ramanathapuram district under the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: No, Sir.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: May I know whether the Government will approach the Central Government now at least to have an air base in Ramanathapuram district in the name of Katta Bomman?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: The Government of India have stated in some other connexion that it would not be possible to open any new air base in the near future.

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SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: கோயம்புத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் சூலூர் என்ற இடத்தில் ஒரு விமான நிலையம் கட்டப்போவதாக நினைத்தோம். அந்த விமான நிலையம் எப்போது கட்டப்போகிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: அந்தமாதிரியாக மத்திய சர்க்காரைப் பொறுத்தவரையில் எவ்வித விமான நிலையத்தையும் கட்டப்போவதாகத் தெரியவில்லை. அந்த யோசனையை அவர்கள் கைவிட்டுவிட்டார்கள்.

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Without getting lost into the controversy of the national or anti-social character of Katta Bomman, will the Hon. Minister try to get an air base established in the area?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: That has been negatived by the Government of India for reasons which are best known to them. They have said that there no immediate necessity or possibility of any air bases coming into existence.

Tin Workers' Cottage Co-operative Society, Palghat

* 229 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received recently any representation from the Tin Workers' Cottage Co-operative Society, Palghat, or from any other person with regard to the organization of a Cottage Co-operative Society for Tin Workers at Palghat; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: In view of the importance of organizing the tin industry on a co-operative basis, will the Government be kind enough to take a decision in the matter immediately?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The Director of Industries is examining the proposal for the organization of the industry of tin workers in Palghat. The proposal envisages the organization of a co-operative society providing employment to 70 workers. Each worker will produce finished goods valued at Rs. 8 with raw material worth Rs. 3. A worker will be paid Rs. 2 as wage. There is a gross profit of Rs. 3 per day per worker. The hon. Member will see the prospects of the industry from these figures.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: This tin workers' society was formed on 12th March 1956. The preliminary investigations were over before the month of June. An Inspector went

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